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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Region 10 Office of Water and Watersheds Daniel Opalski Director

Dear Mr. Opalski,

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for allowing Angela Chung, Katharine Brown, Lon Kissinger, and Matthew Szelag to participate in Alaska's recent public workshop on Human Health Criteria in Water Quality Standards. The combined wealth of knowledge, experience, and perspective of your staff has been of great assistance to our agency and the success of the public workshop. Their continued participation on the Human Health Criteria Technical Workgroup is also greatly appreciated as we know how valuable their time is.

We look forward to continued collaboration with EPA on Alaska's efforts to revise and adopt new human health criteria in state water quality standards.

Sincerely,

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